

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Farm Service Agency
Washington, DC 20250

Notice DAP-187

For: State Offices and Service Centers

Issuing Final Sugar Beet Disaster Program (SDP) Payments

Approved by: Deputy Administrator, Farm Programs



1 Overview

A Background

Agriculture Assistance Act, 2003 (Pub. L. 108-7) authorizes implementation of a sugar beet disaster assistance program. This Act provided a disaster funding allocation of \$60 million for producers who experienced a 2001 or 2002 crop loss for sugar beets. Signup for SDP:

- began September 15, 2003
- ended October 31, 2003.

On November 7, 2003, program data was uploaded to the mainframe in KC-ITSD to determine whether final SDP payments will be factored to ensure the program funding allocation is not exceeded.

B Purpose

This notice:

- announces the final payment factor for 2001/2002 SDP payments
- advises State and County Offices that the final payment factor was downloaded to County Offices on November 14, 2003
- advises State and County Offices that software to issue final 2001/2002 SDP payments is included in County Release No. 524
- provides instructions for County Offices to issue final payments to eligible producers on approved applications.

Disposal Date

March 1, 2004

Distribution

State Offices; State Offices relay to Service Centers

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A National Payment Factor

The national final payment factor for 2001/2002 SDP payments is 100.0 percent. On November 14, 2003, KC-ITSD transmitted the national final payment factor to County Offices.

B Funds Control Allotments

Because of the specific funding allocation for 2001/2002 SDP, payments will be controlled through the funds control process. Allotments are attributed to County Offices based on the payment amount to be issued to eligible producers in the county after the national payment factor is applied.

On November 17, 2003, funds control allotments will be attributed to each County Office that uploaded data for eligible producers. A report, by county and producer, will also be sent to each applicable County Office, through their State Office, which:

- specifies the amounts uploaded for each producer
- is the basis for the allotment attributed to each applicable County Office.

Note: County Offices can print the Upload Transmission Report according to 5-DAP, paragraph 522. This report identifies the amounts from the most recent upload and may not match the uploaded information used for the national payment factor because uploads of program application data will continue after the national payment factor is determined.

C County Release No. 524

Software to issue final 2001/2002 SDP payments is included in County Release No. 524 projected to arrive in County Offices on or about November 13, 2003.

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D County Office Action

After the national payment factor and funds control allotments are received, County Offices shall **immediately** begin issuing final payments to all producers on approved applications.

County Offices shall:

- immediately install County Release No. 524
- ensure the instructions in the forthcoming information bulletin for the national payment factor are followed
- use the report provided by the National Office to verify that the correct allotment was received for all eligible producers that applied for program benefits
- request additional allotments according to 5-DAP, subparagraph 502 B for cases where the correct allotment was not received for a particular producer.